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Re:

Gerald Armstrong v. Church of Scientology, Int'l. et al.

Case No. CV-N-97-00670 ECR(RAM)

Our File No. 13860-0001

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for your records is the Stipulated Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order signed by you on behalf of the Plaintiff and myself on behalf of the Defendants (DKT # 39). I direct your attention to the second page of this Order, subpart two, which states, inter alia:

> Inasmuch as the motions challenge the jurisdiction of the court not only over the subject matter of the lawsuit, but over the defendants personally, defendants submit it would be unduly burdensome to require them to engage in initial disclosures and discovery while the motions are still pending. Indeed, no party has commenced discovery of any kind. While plaintiff, of course, disagrees with defendants['] position as to the merits of the pending motions, plaintiff does agree that disclosure and discovery shall abide decision of the pending motions.

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Page 3 of the Stipulated Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order bears what appears to be your signature and that of the U.S. Magistrate Judge. I hope that clarifies the issue of a stay of discovery in this case pending resolution of our dispositive motions.

Should you have any other questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me, in writing, at your convenience.

Sincerely,

N. Patrick Flanagan

NPF:mas Enclosure

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(via facsimile only)

Hon. Robert McQuaid, Jr.

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N. Patrick Flanagan Esquire U.S. DISTRICT COURT Nevada Bar No. 952 DISTRICT OF NEVADA Hale Lane Peek Dennison Howard and Anderson RECEIVED 100 West Liberty Street, Tenth Floor P.O. Box 3237 Reno, Nevada 89505 Telephone: (702) 327-3000 CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT Attorneys for Defendant Church of Scientology International, Religious Technology Center, Church of Scientology of Texas and Cathy Norman

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

GERALD ARMSTRONG,

CASE NO. CV-N-97-00670 ECR (RAM)

Plaintiff,

VS.

DAVID MISCAVIGE and CATHY NORMAN, individuals; CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL, a California corporation; the RELIGIOUS TECHNOLOGY CENTER, a California corporation; the SEA ORGANIZATION, a California based unincorporated entity; and the CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OF TEXAS, a Texas corporation.

Defendants.

STIPULATED DISCOVERY PLAN AND SCHEDULING ORDER (Special Scheduling Review Requested)



The Plaintiff and counsel for Defendants, Church of Scientology International, Religious Technology Center, Cathy Norman and Church of Scientology of Texas, have conducted a conference in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) and discussed the required topics. Defendants David Miscavige and Sea Organization, not having been served and therefore not having appeared, did not attend the conference. Pursuant to LR 26-I(d) and (e), the parties submit the following Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order:

Settlement. The parties are not optimistic that this case will be settled in the near future. The parties do not, at this time, request a settlement conference at the Court's earliest convenience to assist in the early resolution of this case.

 Disclosures and Discovery to Abide Court's Resolution of Pending Motions to Dismiss. On
April 20, 1998, Defendants Church of Scientology International, Religious Technology Center, Cathy
Norman and Church of Scientology of Texas filed their Motions to Dismiss Complaint for Lack of Subject
Matter Jurisdiction; lack of Personal Jurisdiction; Improper Venue; and Because Plaintiff is a Fugitive from
Justice. The motions have been fully submitted. The Court has stated that it "has reviewed the said motions
and they appear to be facially well taken." Inasmuch as the motions challenge the jurisdiction of the court
not only over the subject matter of this lawsuit, but over the defendants personally, defendants submit that
it would be unduly burdensome to require them to engage in initial disclosures and discovery while the
motions are still pending. Indeed, no party yet has commenced discovery of any kind. While plaintiff, of
course, disagrees with defendants position as to the merits of the pending motions, plaintiff does agree that
disclosure and discovery shall abide decision of the pending motions. In the event that the motions to
dismiss are denied in whole or in part, the parties shall submit an amended Stipulated Discovery Plan and
Scheduling Order, setting forth specific calendar dates in accordance and consistent with the stipulations
set forth below in this document.

- Initial Disclosures. In the event the motions to dismiss are decided in whole or in part, the LR 26-1(a)2 Initial Disclosures will be due fifteen (15) days after the date of such order. The parties will serve the initial disclosures in accordance with Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 4. <u>Discovery Deadline</u>. In the event the motions to dismiss are denied in whole or in part. discovery shall be completed by 180 days after such order.
- 5. <u>Limitations on Discovery.</u> In the event the motions to dismiss are denied in whole or in partitle parties believe that they can complete discovery within the ten deposition limit per side and within the forty interrogatory limit. Depositions shall be recorded by video graphic and stenographic means.
- 6. Amending Pleadings and Adding Parties. If the motions to dismiss are denied in whole of in part, the deadline for amending pleadings and adding parties shall be 90 days after such order.
- The first disclosures. If the motions to dismiss are denied in whole or in part, experit disclosure shall be due no later than 120 days after such order and rebuttal expert disclosure shall be due no later than 30 days thereafter.

8. <u>Dispositive Motions</u> . The par	ties request that the deadline for filing dispositive motions be	
extended to 30 days after the discovery deadline.		
9. <u>Pretrial Order</u> . The parties re	equest that the deadline for filing the Joint Pretrial Order be	
extended to 30 days after decision of the dis-	positive motions or further order of the court.	
DAIED this 6th day of July, 1998.	N. Patrick Flanagan. Esq. Hale Lane Peek Dennison Howard and Anderson 100 West Liberty Street. 10th Elgor P.O. Box 3237 Reno, Nevada 89505 Telephone: (702) 327-3000 Attorneys for Defendants Church of Scientology International, Religious Technology Center, Church of Scientology of Texas and Cathy Norman	
DATED this day of July, 1998.	George W. Abbott, Esq. 2245-B Meridian Boulevard P.O. Box 98 Minden, Nevada 89423 Telephone: (702) 782-2302 Attorney for Plaintiff IT IS SO ORDERED: DATED: UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE	